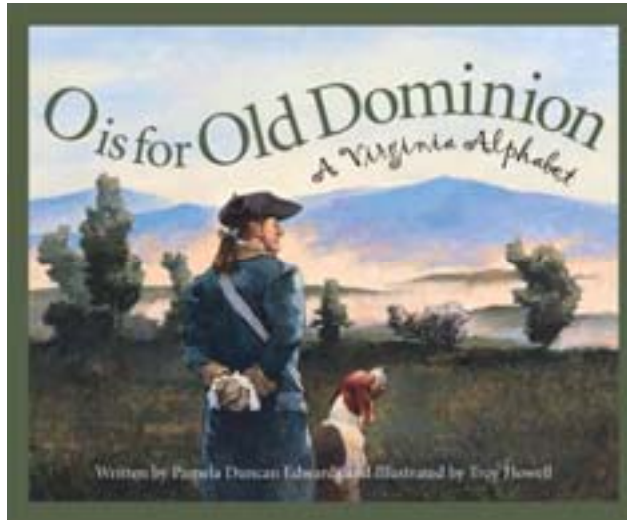


Teacher's Guide



O is for Old Dominion: A Virginia Alphabet

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Virginia's Famous Folks

Throughout *O is for Old Dominion* you can read the stories of many famous people with roots in Virginia.

Name each famous person below.

1. Known as the "Father of Our Country"

2. Stated "Give me liberty, or give me death" _____

3. Commander of the Confederates in the Civil War _____

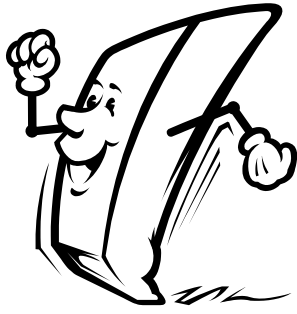
4. Slave who founded a university _____

5. Invented the "copy machine" with two pens writing at the same time

6. Virginia was named for her

7. The first African-American to win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon tennis championships _____

8. Known as "Old Rough and Ready" _____



Virginia Crossword

Use the book *O is for Old Dominion* to help you complete this puzzle.

V ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
I ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
R ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
G ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
I ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
N ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
I ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
A ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

1. University founded by Thomas Jefferson _____
2. The tiger swallowtail butterfly is Virginia's state _____
3. Virginia has four geographic _____
4. Patrick Henry held this job for three terms _____
5. Wild ponies are sold each summer on Chincoteague _____
6. First nuclear-powered aircraft carrier with the USS _____
7. Thomas Jefferson, our third president, was also an _____
8. City where the Pentagon is located _____



Wild Pony Math

Discover the source of “Misty of Chincoteague” by Marguerite Henry in *O is for Old Dominion*. Good information to keep in the back of your mind.

Solve these wild pony problems.

1. There were 150 ponies on the island. In May, twenty mares gave birth to fillies with three having twins. What is the total number of ponies now on the island? _____
2. Fifty ponies were up for adoption. Three dozen were adopted. How many were not adopted? _____
3. There are 86 mares and 64 stallions. How many more mares are there?

4. The ponies swam 321 feet to the island. How many yards was this?

5. There are 23 brown, 56 gray, and 40 white ponies. How many ponies were not brown, gray, or white? _____



Name the Famous Residence

Does your house have a name? In early Virginia many wealthy people had estates that were named. You can find the names of these homes in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Write the name of the home of each of these famous Virginians.

1. George Washington _____

2. Robert E. Lee _____

3. Thomas Jefferson _____

Name your home _____

Explain why this is a good name for your house.

TIMELINE

Use the book *O is for Old Dominion* to put the following events on the timeline.

Richmond becomes the capital

Jamestown settled

College of William and Mary founded

Revolutionary War ended in Yorktown

Zachary Taylor becomes president

1607 _____ 1849



Categorize Virginia's Natural Resources

Virginia has the climate, soil, and natural minerals to produce many crops and support abundant livestock. Use *O is for Old Dominion* to research where in Virginia certain products are found.

Put each natural resource in the correct category.

ANIMALS

VEGETABLES

MINERALS

limestone cattle tobacco coal cotton sheep hardwood
vermiculite wheat corn horses slate apples peaches poultry



Treasure Hunt

Search high and low throughout *O is for Old Dominion* to find the treasures of Virginia.

Write the answer to each question and the letter of the page where you found your answer.

1. Name the two ironclad Civil War ships. _____
2. On the grounds of which university is the Emancipation Oak found? _____
_____.
3. How many sides does the Pentagon have? _____.
4. Who invented the reaping machine? _____.
5. Name the president who became ill and died after only 16 months in office. _____
6. The founder of the Tuskegee Institute was _____.
7. Who brought the American foxhound from England? _____
8. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death"? _____
9. Name the author of *O is for Old Dominion*. _____
10. On what page is there a picture of the tiger swallowtail butterfly? _____

Make up two questions about Virginia and have a friend find the answers.

1. _____
2. _____



He's #1 !

Virginia was the birthplace of our country's first president. Learn about George Washington's life in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Make a list of the attributes that George Washington had that made him a good leader for our new country.

Make a list of the attributes you think a future president will need to be a leader in today's world.



Survey and Graph

If you are lucky enough to live in Virginia you have a choice of visiting the beach or the mountains. Read about both of these great recreational areas in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Survey your class and a younger class to find each student's preference: the beach or the mountains.
Collect your data below.

BEACH

MOUNTAINS

Use this data to make a bar graph. Remember to label your graph.
Make it colorful!

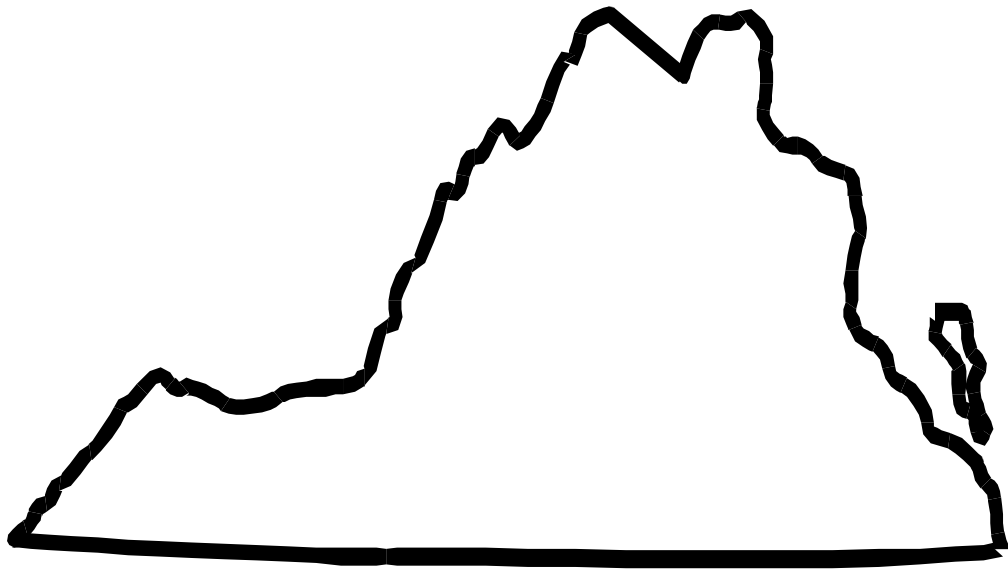
You may need to use the back of this page to draw your graph.

Map of Virginia

O is for Old Dominion is a fact-filled, interesting book about the state of Virginia.

Draw and label the following on this map of Virginia.

1. All states bordering Virginia
2. Body of water bordering Virginia
3. Capital
4. Major rivers





What Does It Take to Run the Army?

The Pentagon is the headquarters for the United States Department of Defense. *O is for Old Dominion* explains more about the Pentagon and its unique shape.

Find two partners and brainstorm a list of all the jobs that are available in the Army. Think about everything the Army needs.

Brainstorm a list of the different jobs that the Navy might have.

Luray Caverns Model

Where can you find stalactites and stalagmites, underground ponds and pipe organs? They each can be found at the largest underground cave in the eastern United States. Read all about this famous cave in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Make a 3-D model of your own cave design.

Materials

Shoebox or other similar box

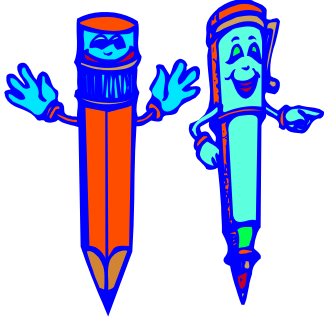
Black tempera paint

Modeling clay (gray or brown)

Various decorating materials, aluminum foil, etc.

Directions

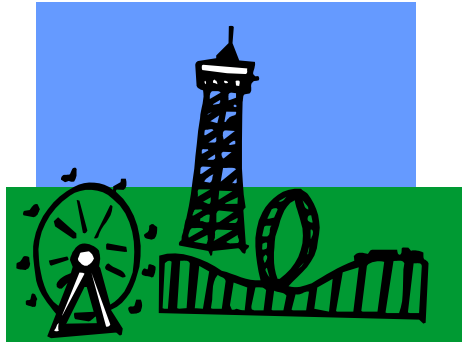
1. Design your cave on a sheet of paper. Consider the shapes of your stalagmites and stalactites. Decide what other features you will have.
2. Paint the entire inside of your box. Don't forget the ceiling.
3. Make your rock formations out of clay.
4. Attach to the floor and ceiling.
5. Put on finishing touches.



Become a Poet

Virginia is filled with poetic images. Think about the beach or the mountains or the caverns or your own backyard. Read the book *O is for Old Dominion* to find more about the wonders of this state.

Write a descriptive poem of at least five lines about Virginia.
Illustrate your poem and share it with friends.



Amusement Park Ride Design

Do you love roller coasters? Perhaps a carousel is more to your liking. Read about Kings Dominion Park in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Pretend you just saw a poster announcing a contest for students. The park wants students to design a new ride for the amusement park. The winner will have a free, lifetime pass to the park!!

1. Draw a picture of your new ride.
2. Write a paragraph explaining how it works.
3. Explain what age group would best like the ride.

Put your design on the back of this page. Write your explanation below.

Play Safe

There are many wonderful vacation areas in Virginia families can enjoy. Discover some of these in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Safety rules are important at all times, even for adults.

Write the three most important safety rules for each place.

The beach

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Hiking in the mountains

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Walking or riding a bus to school

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Patrick Henry Speaks

Write and deliver a speech

Each person discovers their talents at some point in their life. It took Patrick Henry several failures before discovering his talents. Read about his story in *O is for Old Dominion*.

Write a speech, as if you are Patrick Henry, urging Americans to fight for their rights. Explain why the country should become independent from England. Remember, you need to get people fired up!

Practice your speech and be prepared to deliver it to your class. Speak slowly and clearly. Look at your audience. Be enthusiastic!

FINISH THIS STATEMENT

Look throughout *O is for Old Dominion* to help you with these statements.
Enjoy!

1. Virginia is a great place to live because _____

_____.

2. My favorite historical character from Virginia is _____
because _____
_____.

3. Luray Caverns make me feel _____

_____.

4. One thing I would do to make Virginia a better place to live is

_____.

5. If I were to move to another state it would be _____
because _____
_____.



Virginia Loves Its Dogs

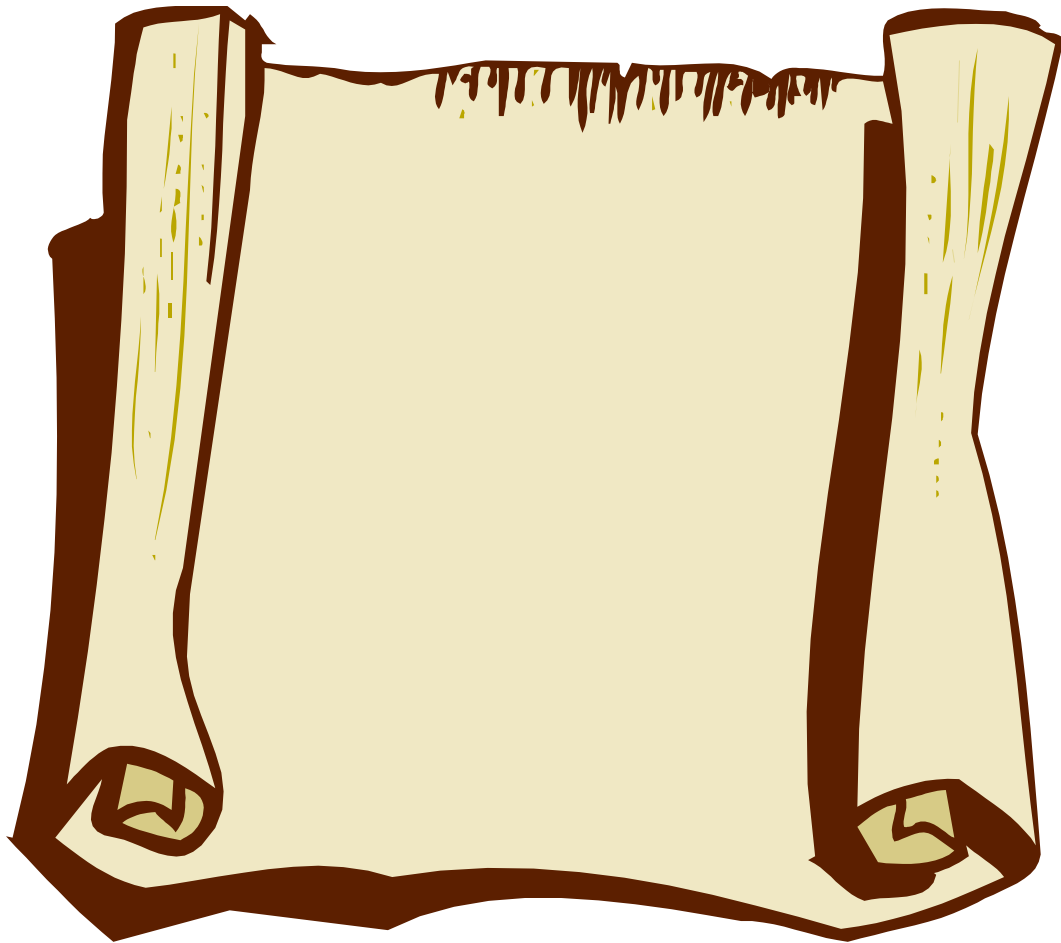
You can discover many facts and stories about Virginia in *O is for Old Dominion*. Learn about some of the state symbols as you read the book.

First draw, then color and label these state symbols: foxhound, dogwood tree, tiger swallowtail butterfly, dogwood flower.

A large empty rectangular box defined by a thin black border, intended for drawing the state symbols mentioned in the text above.

Workers Wanted

Enjoy the interesting love story of John Rolfe and the Indian princess in *O is for Old Dominion*.
Create an advertisement the London Company may have used to get people to sail to Virginia.



O is for Old Dominion Answer Sheet

Name the Famous Residence- 1) Mount Vernon 2) Arlington House 3) Monticello

Virginia's Famous Folks – 1) George Washington 2) Patrick Henry 3) Robert E. Lee
4) Booker T. Washington 5) Thomas Jefferson 6) Queen Elizabeth the first 7) Arthur Ashe 8) Zachary Taylor

Virginia Crossword – 1) Virginia 2) insect 3) regions 4) governor 5) island 6) Nimitz 7) inventor
8) Arlington

Wild Pony Math- 1) 173 2) 14 3) 22 4) 107 yards 5) 31

Timeline- 1607-Jamestown 1693-William & Mary founded 1780- Richmond becomes capital 1781-
Revolutionary War ends in Yorktown 1849- Zachary Taylor becomes president

Categorize the Natural Resources- Animals- cattle, sheep, horses, poultry
Vegetable-hardwood, tobacco, cotton, wheat, corn, apples, peaches
Mineral- slate, vermiculite, coal, limestone

Treasure Hunt- 1) Monitor, Merrimac H 2) Hampton E 3) 5 P 4) Cyrus McCormick X 5) Zachary
Taylor Z 6) Booker T. Washington B 7) George Washington D
8) Patrick Henry H 9) Pamela Duncan Edwards 10) I